

PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES
August 15, 1995

Present: Chairman Mike Holmes, Dick Dresher, Ken Cutler, Mark Green, Elaine McKay, Dean Jolley, Lois Williams; Barbara Holt, City Council Representative; Blaine Gehring, Planning Director; Connie Feil, Recording Secretary.

Absent: Don Milligan

Mike Holmes welcomed all those present then introduced the Staff and Planning Commission Members. The minutes for July 18, 1995 were unanimously approved as written on a motion made by Mark Green and seconded by Elaine McKay.

Conditional uses

1. Public Hearing to consider a conditional use permit for an in-home day care for up to 12 children at 1054 South and 350 West, Joan Simons, applicant.

Joan Simons, applicant, was present. Blaine Gehring explained that Mrs. Simons currently operates an in-home day care for up to 6 children. Several children she has in er day care are now school age and will need after school care. Mrs. Simons would like to expand her day care to 12 to accommodate these children. There have been no problems with her existing day care and none are anticipated. Because of the varying ages of the students, they will be dropped off and picked up at different times of the day. This will not create any potential traffic problems. A current State License is required and renewed every year. 'There has been one letter received in opposition to this application. No other letters of phone calls have been received.

Staff recommends granting this conditional use permit for an in-home day care for up to 12 children with the following conditions:

1. Hours of operation will be 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
2. A current State License be maintained.

Public hearing was opened for any further comments. Lois Rudd, residing at 134 East 1000 South, complimented this day care fir its cleanliness and excellent care. Mrs. Rudd's grandchildren attend this day care so she has special interests in it. She is a Social Worker and has had to inspect several day care centers. With this experience she has never seen anything to be concerned about with this facility.

Robert Rudd, residing at 425 West Center, has his children attending this day care. Mrs. Simons has a special bond with each child she is caring for. Without this conditional use permit Mr. Rudd's children will have to adjust to another day care center. He is in favor of granting this permit.

Delynn Everett, residing at 427 West and 850 South, is in favor of this permit. Mrs. Everett lives in the same neighborhood and there has never been any problems with this facility. Sh has seen the love and care Mrs. Simons gives the children. Mrs. Everett is in favor of granting the permit.

Ken Culter made a motion to grant the conditional use permit for an in-home day care for up to 12 children for Joan Simons at 1054 South 350 West. Dick Drescher seconded the motion and voting was unanimous.

Mike Holmes has some business to discuss that was not on the agenda. Currently the City of Bountiful has an ordinance requiring a member of the Planning Commission to sit on the Board of Adjustment. At this time Mr. Holmes is serving in that position. This causes a burden for him to attend a meeting three Tuesdays each month. This was discussed at the last Board of Adjustment Meeting (8-8-95) to consider changing the ordinance. Mr. Holmes see no purpose for a Planning Commission Member to be present at these meeting. Mr. Holmes is asking for the Planning Commission's comments before the issue is recommended to go before the City Council.

Blaine Gehring mentioned that in the past the Board of Adjustment needed a member from the Planning Commission to help interpret and understand the ordinances better. Presently Bountiful's ordinances are self explanatory and do not need much interpretation. Mr. Gehring has talked with Tom Hardy about this issue. Mr. Hardy likes the of having a representative from the Planning Commission to sit on the Board of Adjustment. Mr. Hardy's suggestion was if there are enough members from the Planning Commission that would be willing to volunteer this could continue. If there are not enough willing to volunteer the ordinance will need to be reviewed for the possible change.

Mr. Gehring added that he has received comments from those that have served and it was an enjoyable experience. Mr. Gehring asked if there are enough members that would like to serve and still keep it on a six-month rotating bases? There was a discussion on this issue and it was decided to continue with the six-month rotation. Ken Cutler volunteered to replace and continue the term for Mike Holmes.

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.